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THE LANGUAGE OF HOMOSEXUALITY: AN AMERICAN GLOSSARY

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Since the origination of the term *homosexuality* by Benkert in 1869, the scientific and colloquial terminology pertaining to homosexual and to their practices has become increasingly complex, and overlapping and incorrect. The necessity for a choice of terms to be used in the definitions in the following glossary has required a classification and proposed standardization of terminology.

Homosexuality is the generic term for sexual attraction to persons of the same rather than of the opposite sex, and this term has outlasted, and is more widely used than any other of the many terms that have been proposed, such as: *sexual inversion, contrasexuality, homo-erotism, homogenic love, third sex, similisexualism, transsexuality, intersexuality, uranianism, psychosexual hermaphroditism,* and others.

It is, in many ways, an unfortunate term, primarily since it combines "homo," which derives from the Greek, with "sex," from the Latin. It is not the etymological illegitimacy of this union that is disturbing, but rather the common confusion of the Greek "homo," meaning "the same," with the Latin "homo," meaning "man"; a confusion which has resulted in the current usage of *homosexuality* to refer only to male homosexuality; female homosexuality usually being termed *Lesbianism.*

The bisexual reference of *homosexual* is currently seen only when it is posed against *heterosexual,* and this ambiguity is to be found even among highly cultured persons who often are not misinformed but rather are making sensible genuflection to popular usage. A few examples in the literature of the last decade will suffice:

1928—D. H. Lawrence: "Lady Chatterley's Lover" page 244: "But do you think Lesbian women any worse than homosexual men?" (Note adjective form.) 1931—Nathan Van Patten: "The Vocabulary of the American Negro . . ." (in: American Speech, vol. 7): On page 27 he defines the noun *bulldiker* as "A Lesbian" and the verbal adjective *bulldycking* as "Lesbian," while on page 30 he defines *pansies* as "homosexuals." 1937—

Irene & Allen Cleaton: "Books & Battles: American Literature, 1920-1930" page 34: A paragraph on American expatriate writers in Paris speaks of going "nonchalantly to *exhibitions* and homosexual and Lesbian dance-palaces so as to be able to pilot visiting Americans knowingly through the intricacies of Parisian sin." 1940—Rayner Heppenstall: "The Blaze of Noon" page 98: ". . . a married couple whom nobody seemed to like very much, because the wife was Lesbian and the husband homosexual, and their marriage a convenient framework within which each of them could seduce the other's unsuspecting friends." (The first and last writers are English, the others are American; the usage in question obtaining on both sides of the Atlantic.)

The difficulty is, of course, that only the female subdivision of homosexuality has a specific terminology—*Lesbianism* and *Lesbian*—while the male subdivision must fall back on the generic parent term. In England this difficulty is sometimes solved by using the terms *uranianism* and *uranian* (seldom *uranist*) as analogues to *Lesbianism* and *Lesbian*. However, this usage has had little or no recognition and adoption in America.

In his "The Intersexes" (1911), the American, E. Irenaeus Prime-Stevenson, writing under the pseudonym of "Xavier Mayne," very sensibly suggested that the "homo" in *homosexual* be considered a Latin prefix (thus restoring the term to linguistic propriety), and that the term be applied only to men; *feminosexual* being applied to women. Both terms were to be subdivisions of a parent term—his suggestion being *intersexual*. This suggestion is probably the best that has yet been made, but no good parent term seems to be available (*intersexual* is bad—*intrasexual* might have been better; and *contrasexual* is likely to be confused with *heterosexual*). Furthermore, *homosexuality* as the existing generic term is too firmly implanted in the English and other languages to displace. I make no suggestion since it is usually impertinent and useless to attempt to halt or change or even direct the glacial course of language. Then, too, while I favor Stevenson's *homosexual-feminosexual* terminology, I know of no good generic term, let alone a term so apt and so obvious as to be likely to displace *homosexual*.

It would seem that the current clumsy terminology of *male homosexuality-female homosexuality* must continue, and some writers consider this clumsiness a small price to pay for the antiseptic respectability of two words instead of one in treating of a delicate subject. In the following glossary the colloquial *homosexual-Lesbian* usage has occasionally been employed where no confusion is possible; elsewhere the nine-syllable *female homosexuality* displaces the four-syllable *Lesbianism*.

There are equally great, and much older confusions in the terminology of homosexual practice. *Sodomy*, which, from the Biblical references to

Sodom, seems to refer exclusively to anal coitus with men, is generally used to include oral coitus, and even intercourse with animals, the proper term for which latter, *bestiality,* is in turn again confused with *sodomy,* and erroneously considered to be synonymous with it. *Buggery,* for anal coitus, is usually avoided as vulgar. *Sodomite* and *sodomist* (this latter a false word brought over, by transliteration, from the French) are used even in legal compendia without distinction as to active and passive, and one can only conclude that legislators have labored under a great ignorance of the mechanics of sexual deviance.

Two very useful mediaeval terms, *commasculation,* for any intercourse between males, and *confrictation,* for what is now usually called *tribady,* have been almost entirely forgotten. *Pederasty,* or sexual love of men for boys, is universally confused with *pedication,* which refers to anal coitus; *pederasty* deriving from the Greek "paidos," meaning "boy," and *pedication* from the Latin "pedex" (or "podex"), meaning "anus." Pederasts are by no means invariably given to pedication, for which reason it is perhaps just as well that *pederate,* the verbal form of *pederast* but referring to pedication, has become obsolescent. The very useful terms, *pathic, catamite,* and *cinede*—all referring to the object of a pederast's affections, or to the passive party in pedication—have all fallen into desuetude.

Lesbianism and *Sapphism* are usually considered synonymous, although actually *Lesbianism* refers to female homosexuality in general, and *Sapphism* refers to oral eroticism between Lesbians. In America *Lesbian* is currently used where *Sapphist* would be correct, and the erroneous belief that all Lesbians indulge in oral eroticism is possibly due in part to this confusion of nomenclature.

Fellation and *irrumation* are usually given a foreign sound by leaving off the "n" and putting them in italics or quotation marks; and although these two terms refer to exactly opposite practices, they are almost universally believed to be synonymous. This mistake is made even in dictionaries, for instance Niemoeller's "American Encyclopedia of Sex" (1935), Partridge's monumental "Dictionary of Slang and Unconventional English" (1937), and Scott's "Encyclopaedia of Sex" (1939).

Cunnilingus, which is the Latin term for a cunnilinctor—a man who engages in the oral excitation of the vulva—(a cunnilinctrice was called a *cunnilinga*) is commonly and erroneously used as a generic term for the practice, in place of the correct *cunnilinctus.*

The verbal forms of both types of oral eroticism are little known, and various lengthy substitutes are generally employed. Also, a generic term for oral eroticism which would include both fellation and cunnilinctus is lacking.

To bring some provisional order out of chaos, I propose the following standard vocabulary:

Homosexuality is the generic term for sexual attraction to one's own rather than to the opposite sex, antonymous to **heterosexuality.** It is divided into **male homosexuality** and **female homosexuality.** Where no confusion is possible, the noun or adjective **homosexual** (in the stricter sense antonymous to **heterosexual**) may be used to refer to male homosexuality, as analogous to the noun or adjective **Lesbian,** referring to female homosexuality; but this usage should be avoided if possible, as should the similar usage of *homosexuality* as analogous to **Lesbianism.**

Fellation is the acceptance of the penis of another person into the mouth, and licking and sucking it, and exciting it by oral friction, whether as a caress or a preliminary to some form of coitus, or as a form of coitus in itself, ejaculation being produced in the subject, whose semen is either swallowed or expectorated or even entirely declined by the operator. (The term *penilinctus,* analogous to *cunnilinctus,* has been suggested, but since sucking—or, rather, oral friction—is a more important technique in fellation than licking, this term should be used, if at all, only when it is necessary to differentiate between the licking of the penis, **penilinctus,** and the sucking of the penis, **penisuction.** *Penilingism* has been suggested, but should be rejected since it is unnecessary and is not analogous to *cunnilinctus,* and also since its last syllable is likely to be pronounced with the "g" soft, making of it the American slang term for semen.) There is no technical name for the licking and sucking of the scrotum, and the suction of the testicles through the scrotum; these practices being considered parts and adjuncts of either fellation or anilinctus, as the case may be. *Scrotilinctus,* however has been suggested. A man who performs fellation is said to **fellate,** and is termed a **fellator** (accent on the first syllable). A woman who fellates is a **fellatrice** or **fellatrix** (accent on the first syllable). *Fellatress* is neither common nor necessary. The adjective forms are **fellatory** and **fellatant,** between which a certain distinction exists in that *fellatory* is usually employed where reference is being made to fellation in general, or to the fellator or fellatrice; while *fellatant* is a type of verbal adjective, and should be reserved for contexts referring to the physical action involved in fellation. The habitual practice of fellation, and the state of being a fellator or fellatrice—especially if habitually—are called **fellatorism** (accent on the second syllable, which is long). **Autofellation,** or the oral excitation of one's own penis, is rare, but it does exist, and has been recorded and photographed several times. The term was originated by L. J. Bragman, as "autofellatio." As a term for the person involved I prefer **autofellator** (even though it combines Greek and Latin) to the term *self-fellator,* which has been suggested by

Eugen Kahn and E. G. Lion. The practice is termed *autofellation* rather than *auto-irrumation* (for the distinction see the following paragraph) since, as Kahn and Lion point out, the psychosexual pleasure of the autofellator is centered in his mouth and throat, and not in his penis. Since there are so many easier, more comfortable, and more satisfactory methods of penile excitation, this observation seems entirely defensible, and consequently autofellation may be considered a homosexual practice—*faute de mieux*—and not autosexual, for which reason it is mentioned here.

Irrumation is the introduction of one's penis into the mouth of another person, usually with coital movements and orgasm and ejaculation on the part of the **irrumator**, who is said to **irrumate.** Orgasm is often experienced also by the person irrumated, when the penis is a powerful fetich to him or her; this indirect orgasm of the person irrumated occurring usually—if it occurs at all—at the moment of the irrumator's ejaculation, and probably largely due to it. There are two adjective forms, **irrumational,** referring to the generic act, and **irrumatory** (variously pronounced), referring to the actor or to the physical action involved. The distinction between fellation and irrumation in any specific oragenital act is often more psychological than physiological, since a person fellated usually makes at least some irrumatory movements—if only intromission—and a person irrumated usually cooperates with at least oral constriction or other fellatory operations. If a distinction must be made in any specific case, it should be made primarily according to which person is the more aggressive in the matter, and the action should be designated by the name of the more aggressive person's operation. It is noteworthy that in fellation the fellator is usually above the subject or the subject's penis, while in irrumation the irrumator or his penis is usually above.

Pederasty is the love of men for young boys. A man who is sexually attracted to young boys is a **pederast**, and his usual, but not invariable **pederastic** practice is anal coitus with the passive boy, who is called a **catamite.** Anal coitus is called **pedication**, and the active party, who **pedicates**, is a **pedicator**; while the passive participant is a **pedicant**, and his state of so being and his practice are termed **pedicancy.** The adjective forms are **pedicational** and **pedicatory**, which latter is probably to be avoided as unwieldy.

Frictation is a term originated by Painter for the method of gratification practiced by a minority of male homosexuals (and, with obvious modifications, by female homosexuals and even by heterosexuals) in which pleasure and orgasm are experienced through fondling the body of another person, with bodily contact and friction, and with mutual abdominal and genital friction, or the friction of the penis of the aggressive participant, called the **fricator** or **frictationist**, against the abdomen,

or between the thighs or buttocks of the passive participant; or the penises of both may be rubbed simultaneously or in succession against the abdomen or between the thighs of the other participant.

Lesbianism is female homosexuality. A female homosexual is a **Lesbian.** The terms *Sapphist* and *Sapphism* should be avoided since their true meanings, relating to oral eroticism between women, have been confused with the more generic connotations of *Lesbian* and *Lesbianism.* **Tribady** or **tribadism** is the confrictation of vulvae, or simulated coition by means of the moderately enlarged clitoris of one partner, who may, instead, wear an artificial penis, attached by straps around the waist and thighs. A woman who performs, or is given to tribady is a **tribade** or **tribad.** She is also called a **fricatrice** or **fricatrix,** which are probably better and more specific terms than *tribade.* **Cunnilinctus** is the licking, tonguing, sucking, mouthing, or other oral excitation of the vulva, including the outer labia, the nymphae, the clitoris, the vulvar cleft, and the vaginal introitus. The term *cunnilingus* is incorrect and should be avoided, as should *cunnilinction,* which may be considered linguistically inadmissible. A man who performs cunnilinctus is a **cunnilinctor;** a woman who does so being a **cunnilinctrice** or **cunnilinctrix.** Either a man or a woman may be termed a **cunnilinguist** (adjective form: **cunnilinguistic**), but the term seems facetious, and is usually avoided for that reason. The adjective form of *cunnilinctus* is **cunnilinctual.** The verb form is **cunnilingue** (**cunnilinge** being avoided except in present tenses, where the soft "g" and the extra syllable make "cunnilinges" easier for many people to pronounce than "cunnilingues." The "u" of *cunnilingue* is retained in the participial form, *cunnilinguing,* in order to mark the "g" as unmistakably hard).

Anilinctus is the licking or sucking of the perineum and anus, and the insertion, or attempted insertion, of the tongue into the anus. The verb is **anilingue;** the adjective, **anilinctual.**

Oragenitalism is the generic term which I propose, with the obvious adjective form, **oragenital,** to include all types of oral eroticism involving excitation of the genital organs and environs. *Oragenitalism* would therefore include cunnilinctus, fellation, scrotilinctus, and anilinctus.

The following slang glossary includes only words and phrases current in American slang, argot, and colloquial speech since the first World War, and particularly during the period between 1930 and 1940. The terms included are not exclusively from the vocabulary of homosexuals and their associates. Many terms are included which homosexuals never or almost never use, and a large part of the terminology of oragenitalism (that is: cunnilinctus, fellation, anilinctus, etc.) is by no means used by homosexuals alone. In connection with terms relating to pederasty and pedication it should be remembered that all pederasts are not pedicators,

and that active pedication is only infrequently practiced by male homosexuals, and is more often a matter of heterosexual vice or convenience, as in prisons or on ships or among tramps and hoboes. On the other hand, passive pedication is, after fellation, the most common practice of homosexual men, being indulged in by possibly a quarter or a third of all male homosexuals. (The exact opposite seems to have been true in other periods of history, as, for instance, the Renaissance; but it is possible that the writers of the existing records were naïve or misinformed. Possibly, however, fashions in homosexual practice change, as pedication seems to have been more prevalent in ancient Greece, and fellation vastly more prevalent in Rome.)

The entire sexual vocabulary of the homosexual is not recorded in this glossary, except in the sphere of sexual practice, where every effort has been made to supply a complete and exhaustive record. Terms are omitted which are a part of the slang sexual vocabulary of heterosexuals too, as, for instance, names for the sexual organs, and most terms relating to seduction, such as *make,* although *pick up* and *proposition* are included. Many terms are given which have sexual connotations quite different and apart from the meanings they have in homosexual slang, and these non-homosexual meanings are not always given. Terms used exclusively by homosexuals are marked with a single asterisk: *, while terms used only by "outsiders" are marked by the double asterisk: **. This, however, is done only very sparingly, as the slow, fluid change of language, and particularly of slang, must be taken into account.

A very common usage in the speech of male homosexuals, that should be noted in connection with this glossary, is the substitution of feminine pronouns and titles for properly masculine ones. Male homosexuals use the terms *she, her, hers, Miss, Mother,* and *girl* (almost never "woman") in referring to themselves and each other, where one might expect "he," "him," "his," "Mr.," "Father," and "man" (or "boy"). This usage is sometimes rather confusingly carried over to references to heterosexuals, though an overtone, in such cases, of jocularity or mild contempt usually serves to mark the heterosexuality of the person referred to. These usages are not confined to the very effeminate homosexuals who adopt feminine names, but are current among almost all types. It is worthy of note, too, that Lesbians do not seem usually to refer to each other by masculine pronouns and titles, even though very many of them adopt masculine or semi-masculine names (such as Toni, Billie, Jackie, Jerry, etc.). However, note the entries *papa* and *daddy* in the glossary.

Very noticeable too is the seeming absence of almost any but "outsiders' " slang in relation to female homosexuality. It is difficult to assign a reason to this absence, but, if there really is such an absence, and a

concealed argot does not exist, two interrelated factors stand out particularly: The tradition of gentlemanly restraint among Lesbians stifles the flamboyance and conversational cynicism in sexual matters that slang coinage requires; and what little direct mention of sexual practice there is among female homosexuals is usually either gruffly brusque and vague, or else romantically euphemistic. This is largely due to the fact that Lesbian attachments are sufficiently feminine to be more often emotional than simply sexual, to which fact the practical non-existence of commercial Lesbianism is also largely due. There is certainly no Lesbian prostitution to compare with the prostitution existing for and among homosexual males. Concomitantly, Lesbianism in America—and perhaps elsewhere—seems in a large measure factitious; a faddish vice among the intelligentsia, a good avenue of entry in the theatre, and, most of all, a safe resource for timid women and *demi-vierges*, an erotic outlet for the psychosexually traumatized daughters of tyrannous fathers, and a despairing retreat for the wives and ex-wives of clumsy, brutal, or ineffectual lovers. All these factors, combined with the greater tolerance in America toward Lesbians than toward homosexual men—due, possibly, to their being less numerous, or, at least, less noticeable—make unlikely any feeling of criminality, let alone criminal community, among Lesbians; two attitudes of mind which seem particularly conducive to the manufacture of slang. I have been assured, however, that the situation is quite different in prisons, and that a fairly extensive Lesbian argot is likely to be found there. I have not had the opportunity to find out.

In the following glossary, a very considerable number of terms have been excerpted from an unpublished monograph by Thomas Painter on "Homosexual Prostitution in Contemporary America," and appreciable assistance has been found in Godfrey Irwin's "American Tramp and Underworld Slang" (1931), in "The Underworld Speaks" by Albin Jay Pollock (1935), and in published and unpublished writings of David W. Maurer, who has very kindly read, corrected, and augmented this glossary in typescript, and to whom I wish to express my especial indebtedness and gratitude.

Finally I wish to point out that the immense territorial extent of the United States, and the flexible and inventive vitality of its spoken language make it impossible to compile a really complete glossary of any current argot, or to define any term positively and forever.

***abdicated** Ordered by the attendant to leave a public toilet; said of male homosexuals ("queens" therefore "abdicated") who frequent park, subway, theatre, barroom, and other toilets. Compare *dethroned,* and see *tea-room queen* and *privy queen.*

androgyne A homosexual man, particularly if effeminate. Colloquially pronounced in three syllables, the accent on the first. Compare *morphodite.*

angel A pedicant, the passive participant in pedication. (Tramp slang) Also: **angelina.**

***angel with a dirty face** A male homosexual who wishes to indulge in homosexual practices, but who is hesitant or inhibited. (In use since the motion-picture, "Angels with Dirty Faces," in the mid-1930's.)

around the world The practice of licking a person over the entire torso and possibly legs as a preliminary to fellation or cunnilinctus. See *trip around the world* for extended description.

ass A man (or woman) considered simply as an object of sexual desirability; or the sexual enjoyment of a person so considered. Usually without the article, as: "Can you get any ass on the Avenue?" (Originally the American form of the British *arse,* meaning the buttocks.) Also: **a piece of ass.**

ass-blow To anilingue; usually used as a past participle, e.g. *to get ass-blowed.* Compare *blow.*

ass-fuck NOUN: An act of pedication. VERB: To pedicate. Compare *fuck in the ass.*

ass, To peddle one's To prostitute, or attempt to prostitute oneself as a pedicant.

ass, To take it up the To submit to pedication.

***auntie** A derogatory term for a middle-aged or elderly homosexual. Also: **aunty.**

Avenue, the Fifth Avenue in New York City, a favorite locale of homosexual prostitution.

***badge, To wear one's** To wear a red necktie; in some localities considered the insignia of homosexuality. Obsolescent.

bananas, To be To be homosexual. (Criminal slang)

***basket** The scrotum, or, rather, the size of the testicles and scrotum as seen or felt through the trousers. (With this term is connected the term *meat* for the penis.) Also, broadly and somewhat incorrectly, the penis and testicles together, or their size. Compare *basketful of meat, eggs in the basket,* and *take the meat out of the basket.*

***basketeer** To go about the streets—usually in a city or town with which one

is unfamiliar—on foot or in an automobile, looking over the genitals of the men as they show through their trousers. Some homosexuals derive complete erotic satisfaction from this; others are simply *cruising*, q.v. Male prostitutes and plain-clothes police officers have been known to stuff their trousers with handkerchiefs, or to wear large dildoes (artificial penises, usually of rubber) or even bananas in their trousers to attract the homosexuals; the prostitutes in order to practice their trade, and the police officers in order to arrest the homosexuals, although provocation to commit a misdemeanor or a felony is specifically prohibited by the laws of most states.

***basketful of meat** A large penis. (*-ful* becomes *full* in certain contexts, as: "What a grand basketful of meat he's got!" but "His basket is certainly full of meat.") Compare *gobs of meat*, s.v. *meat*.

***basket picnic** A *basketeering* expedition.

***belle** A male homosexual, particularly if young.

benny-house A brothel which caters principally to heterosexual clients, but which will procure boys or men for homosexuals on special order. (Prostitutes' and criminal slang) Compare *slide* and *peg-house*.

****birdie** An effeminate man, usually derogatory, and with the implication or actuality of homosexuality. (College slang)

bitch *1. A derogatory term used by one homosexual of another, implying conceit or haughtiness, or general personal unpleasantness. Adjective: **bitchy**. 2. A young pedicant. (Hobo slang)

bit of ring, To have a To engage in active pedication. (Prison slang)

***bleeding dirt** Professional criminals or underworld characters who try to provoke homosexuals to some overt homosexual act, and then extort money from them. This petty racket is known in underworld argot as *the mouse*, but this term does not seem to be known or used by homosexuals. Compare *dirt*.

***blind** ADJECTIVE: Uncircumcised; said of the penis. **Completely blind** refers to a penis of which the prepuce is so long that the glans penis cannot be seen. NOUN: An uncircumcised penis. Also: **blind meat** and **blind piece**. Compare *make the blind to see*.

***blind piece, To ride a** To fellate an uncircumcised man, the reference being to the penis, and not to the man. Compare *blind*.

blow To fellate or cunnilingue, the object being the person, and not the genital organ. Colloquial past participle: *blowed*. Also: **blow off**. Compare *ass-blow*.

***body lover** A homosexual fricator (for extended definition see terminology preceding glossary).

boy A male homosexual, especially if a prostitute. (Reported as hotel slang from Los Angeles in 1939.)

boy-ass Generic for a boy or young man considered simply as a sexual object by a pedicator; or the pedication of a boy or young man so considered. Compare *ass*.

***brilliant** NOUN & ADJECTIVE: Congenitally homosexual male.

***broad** A homosexual prostitute who, himself homosexual, accosts men in the

street for sexual purposes. From the common slang term for a female prostitute or a loose woman.

***bronco** A boy new to homosexual practices, who is normal, rough, and at times intractable to the wishes of the homosexual. From the cowboy term for an unbroken horse.

***brought out, To be** To be initiated into the practice of homosexuality. The active form of the phrase: *to bring (one) out* is rarely used, and in general this locution is losing its original connotation of initiation by another person, and circumstances or fate are coming to be considered the initiatory agents, the phrase therefore coming to be almost the equivalent of *come out*, q.v.

brown To pedicate. A Negro locution: "Well I'll be browned" exists, in which *browned* is the equivalent of *damned*; to which compare the similar use of *fucked*, e.g. "(I'll be) fucked if *I* know."

browning VERBAL NOUN: Generic for pedication, or, specifically, *a browning* is a specific act of pedication.

Browning sisters, To be one of the To be a homosexual, or a pedicant, or both. (Hobo slang) Also: **To belong to the Browning family.**

***bucket** The anus. Compare *can*.

bug To pedicate. Contraction of *bugger*. (Sea slang)

bugger A pedicator. The word is used in its actual meaning only by educated homosexuals and others such as seamen and persons of British birth or background. It is used in America usually without realization of, or reference to its true meaning, even by children, as a term of opprobrium; originally a British usage. In rural America *bugger* is used as a term of endearment applied especially to children, and often corrupted to *beggar*, as is done, for purposes of euphemism, in Britain. Compare *bug* and *burglar*.

bull-dike A homosexual woman, particularly one who wears mannish clothes and is in other ways aggressively masculine. Also: **bull-dyke, bull-diker,** and **bull-dyker.** A common corruption is **bull-dagger.** VERBAL ADJECTIVE: **bull-diking** (also spelled: **bull-dycking**). Compare *dike*.

****bumper** A Lesbian, particularly one who is, or is thought to be an active tribade; usually applied only to Lesbians of the masculine type.

bunghole NOUN: The anus. Also contracted to **bung.** VERB: To pedicate; with the associated verbal noun, **bungholing**, for pedication, and **bungholer** for pedicator.

bunker A pedicator. (Tramp slang) **bunker shy** is a term applied by pederast tramps to a young boy who is afraid of being forced into pedicancy.

burglar A pedicator. Corruption of *bugger*. (Tramp slang)

****buttercup** An effeminate male homosexual. A factitious and ephemeral term of the early 1930's; numerous other such terms have been omitted from this glossary.

***call house** A homosexual brothel which will telephone or send for specific boys called for by homosexuals or pedicators. Compare *show house* and *peg house*. The term exists also in non-homosexual argot, referring to a similar brothel with women prostitutes and male clients.

***camp** To speak, act, or in any way attract or attempt to attract attention, espe-

cially if noisily, flamboyantly, bizarrely, or in any other way calculated to announce, express, or burlesque one's own homosexuality or that of any other person. As a NOUN, *camp* refers to such flamboyance or bizarrerie of speech or action, or to a person displaying it. The VERBAL NOUN, **camping**, is very common; it should be noticed that camping is largely a practice of male homosexuals, and is not very common among Lesbians. ADJECTIVE: **campy**.

can The buttocks, and, by transference, the anus. Compare *bucket*. To **swap cans**. To alternate in pedication; the phrase may refer to both or either of the participants. (Prison slang) Compare *fifty-fifty*.

***checkers, playing** Moving from seat to seat in a motion-picture theatre to find a willing youth. The homosexual sits down next to a likely subject, and makes either a verbal or an elaborately accidental physical overture or "pass," and if rebuffed, gets up and moves to another seat in another row, preferably not too close to the previous location, to try again with someone else.

cheese The preputial smegma, which accumulates under the foreskin of an indifferently clean man, and which is unpleasant to, and mentioned by fellators, e.g. "most unattractive unless served with crackers." Also: **head-cheese**. The adjective, **cheesy**, is applied not only to a penis under the prepuce of which the smegma has been allowed noticeably to accumulate, but also to a penis which is not clean and on which the pressure of the fellator's lips has the effect of a strigil, and brings up little rolls of dirt. The term is derived from the dull whitish color of the smegma.

cherry, To be To be virginal, genitally, anally, or (although this use is most infrequent) orally. From the slang *cherry*, meaning the hymen, or the state of virginity in either sex, but particularly in women.

***chicken** A young boy of about fifteen to twenty years, especially one with little homosexual experience; also a generic term for boys of this age and sort, fancied by many homosexuals, both pedicators and fellators, termed **chicken-fanciers**.

chop-sticks, To play To indulge in mutual masturbation with another person of the same or opposite sex. Usually refers only to the mutual masturbation of not necessarily homosexual boys. Derived from the occasional crossing of hands in drumming out on the piano any of several rudimentary duets called "Chop-sticks."

***church-mouse** A homosexual who frequents churches and cathedrals in order to *grope* and *cruise* the young men there. Churches are chosen for this purpose not from any irreverence or cynicism, but rather because crowds of standing and preoccupied people, as in cathedrals, subways, elevators and theatres, are ideal for the homosexual's purpose.

circus Any erotic performance or exhibition of living persons (that is, not motion-pictures) before an audience, particularly multiple homosexual or heterosexual coitus or oragenitalism; the performers usually being joined sexually in some way into a single unit. See *daisy-chain* for one type of joining. The term *circus* has also come to be used in reference to simultaneous or consecutive and open sexual relations of a group of more than two persons without

any non-participating spectators being present, either in the same room or behind peep-holes. Compare *dig* and *gazoopy*.

clean up the kitchen To practice cunnilinctus. Also: To **give (her) a cleaning**.

clip To rob a person, usually in connection with an intended or actual sexual act. To **make a clip** is to rob a homosexual or other client in this way, and is said of prostitutes male or female. A prostitute who is accustomed to robbing the homosexual client, usually before any sexual act occurs, is termed a **clip artist**. *Clipping* may be surreptitious, but in the homosexual sphere it is more often bare-faced and brutal robbery.

cock-sucker A fellator or fellatrice. The term has come to be the most insulting term of contempt used at present in America, replacing *son-of-a-bitch* and *bastard* which have been overworked to a point where the original pejorative flavor has been almost entirely lost, and the terms are even used as endearments. While *cock-sucker* has not yet been blunted that far, it is already losing much of its sting, and it is applied to inanimate objects in irritation at their innate perversity, and even children are already using the term without recognition of, or reference to its actual meaning. Compare *bugger*.

***cognoscenti** (Mispronounced in a variety of ways.) Collectively, all persons in the fraternity of homosexuality, including homosexuals, their prostitutes and friends (see *jam*), and others who understand the argot, are acquainted with the current popular meeting places, and share the homosexuals' fear and detestation of the police.

****collar-and-tie** A female homosexual who wears mannish clothes, particularly tailored suits, shirt or shirt-waist and tie, soft felt slouch hats, and low-heeled oxford- or moccasin-type shoes.

come VERB: To experience orgasm, and—if a man—ejaculation. NOUN: The semen, a term commonly used by homosexuals.

come-on boy A boy—usually young and handsome—who entices a homosexual to a place where an accomplice can conveniently rob him or extort money from him.

***come out** To become progressively more and more exclusively homosexual with experience. This meaning is currently being given also to *brought out*, q.v., which originally had a distinctly different shade of meaning.

cop a bird To perform fellation. (Prostitutes' and Negro slang.) Also: To **cop**.

corn-hole To pedicate. Also: **corn-haul**, which may be a corruption, but note the phrase *to get one's ashes hauled*, meaning to copulate.

***cousin** The homosexual lover of another invert.

***cruise** To walk or drive in an automobile through the streets, aimlessly but in certain specific and likely areas, looking (if a *hustler*) for a customer, or (if a homosexual—*pay-off* or otherwise) for a companion for homosexual intercourse, whether for money or *pour le sport*. The verbal noun, **cruising**, is very common as a term for this type of street-walking and accosting, and a homosexual or hustler who practices it is termed a **cruiser**. The verb is often used transitively, usually taking the neuter pronoun rather than the masculine, whether the person referred to is homosexual or not, e.g. "That blond sailor looks good; I think I'll cruise it." To avoid confusion it should be remembered

that the homosexual prostitute may be heterosexual (in which case his prostitution usually consists of allowing homosexuals to fellate him, or allowing pedicators—who may be heterosexual—to pedicate him) or homosexual (in which case his prostitution usually consists of submitting to passive pedication by possibly heterosexual pedicators, or performing fellation upon entirely heterosexual persons). Furthermore, the client may be a homosexual, or a possibly heterosexual pedicator, or a complete heterosexual (who may wish to be fellated because of a superstitious belief that he may be cured of acne in that way, or because women are not available or too costly). This is quite complex, and the above perfunctory elucidation is not entirely satisfactory; but in most cases the technical distinction between client and prostitute—often the distinction *is* merely technical—can usually be made by terming as the client the participant who is more anxious and aggressive, and who pays.

crush An infatuation, especially with an older person of one's own sex, such as a teacher; homosexual overtones usually being discernible, although seldom actual and overt homosexuality. Verbally, **To have a crush on (one).**

***cunt** Actually the external and internal female genitals, considered separately as vulva and vagina, or as a single entity. Transferentially used by pederasts and homosexuals of a boy's mouth or rectum, or of a boy considered merely as a sexual outlet. The slang terms *pussy* and *twat* are also used in this way, but such usages are rather rare, since, what with the very common use of feminine names, pronouns, and appellations among male homosexuals in referring to themselves and to other men, the female genital and its names are usually reserved to be the one unmistakable mark of reference to an actual woman.

cunt-lapper A cunnilinctor or cunnilinctrice. The term is becoming obsolescent, and is giving place to **cunt-sucker**. The reason for this seems to be that while the action of cunnilinctus is more one of lapping than sucking, the verb *lap* is not much used in American English, even in referring to cats and to water; and the phrase *to lap a cunt* is seldom used, while *to suck a cunt* is quite common. The similar sound of *fuck*, and the connection between fellation (see *cock-sucker*) and cunnilinctus may be relevant here. **cunt-lapping** is the verbal noun for cunnilinctus.

***daddy** A Lesbian of the masculine type, especially one who lives or consorts with a Lesbian of the feminine type, a *mama*, q.v. Compare *papa*.

daisy-chain A spintry; a group of more than two persons—heterosexual, homosexual, or both—linked together in simultaneous sexual intercourse of any kind or combination of kinds. Usually effectuated standing, or lying on a floor, in a rough circle. (Note Caravaggio's picture of St. Rosario, showing a spintrian circle of thirty men.) A person participating in a spintry is termed a **daisy-chainer.**

dash, To have a To be slightly tinged with homosexual tastes or characteristics. See *lavender*.

Dead-eye Dick A pedicator. (Criminal slang) See *eye-doctor*.

****degenerate** A common colloquialism for a homosexual or a pedicator. Compare *pervert*.

***dethroned** Ordered by the attendant to leave a public toilet; said of male homosexuals ("queens" therefore "dethroned") who frequent the toilet rooms of parks, subways, barrooms, theatres, and other public buildings. Compare *enthroned* and *abdicated*, and see *tea-room queen* and *privy queen*.

dick-peddler A male prostitute whose homosexual clients are fellators or pedicants. *Dick* is a slang term for the penis. Compare *prick-peddler*.

****dicky-licker** A derogatory term for a fellator or any homosexual. From *dicky*, diminutive of *dick*, the penis.

diddle To caress sexually, without actually having any form of sexual intercourse. The verb may be transitive or intransitive, and the term is also used as a noun.

dig A sexual exhibition for customers, usually including some form of oragenitalism or zoöeroticism. *Dig* is a Negro slang verb meaning look, see, or notice. See *circus* and *gazoopy*.

dike A female homosexual, especially if aggressive and masculine. Also: **dyke**. Compare *bull-dike*. The verbal noun, **diking**, is often used to refer to Lesbian intercourse, especially tribady; and also, infrequently, to the intercourse of two homosexual men with each other. This latter usage is encountered only among homosexuals, and carries an overtone of derogation. As a verb, *dike* is seldom used alone, being more often combined with a preposition, as *dike with* or *diking together*.

dirt Gossip or criticism, especially concerning sexual or sexo-social behavior. Among homosexuals *dirt* is also used to refer to a person who informs against a homosexual, or robs or blackmails him, or is likely to. In this latter sense the term is usually employed as a predicate nominative, e.g. "He's dirt, just dirt!" Compare *bleeding dirt*, in which the pejorative force of *dirt* is augmented by the intensifying connotation of *bleeding* (note the British *bloody*) and its denotation of extortion. See *dish the dirt*.

dirt road, To go up the (old) To practice pedication. Also: **To be in the dirt.**

dirt tamper A pedicator.

***dish the dirt** To gossip about the sexual nature, adventures, and misadventures of another homosexual. Also, to criticize anyone who has "done dirt" to one of the homosexual fraternity; or to criticize anyone generally. Often contracted to **dish**. See *dirt*.

dive To practice cunnilinctus. The verb is intransitive, and usually refers to habitual cunnilinctus rather than to a specific instance of it. Also: **dive in the bushes** and **dive into it**. Compare *muff-diver*.

***do** To seduce or enjoy homosexually. Compare *trade, To do for*.

***dog's dinner** A term of extreme derogation used among homosexuals, possibly with some reference to fellation and the derogatory term *bitch*.

***double-life man** An actively bisexual man, who can, and does, have pleasurable sexual relations with both sexes.

***dowager** An elegant elderly homosexual. A **dirty dowager** is one not quite so elegant.

***drag** Elaborate feminine clothing, used for transvestist dressing by male homosexuals. Also a party, dance, or costume ball where homosexual men go dressed

as women, and, to a lesser extent, homosexual women dressed as men. **In drag** means dressed in the clothing of the opposite sex, that is, the outer clothing; many male homosexuals wear feminine lingerie, but that is not considered *drag*.

***drag-queen** A professional female impersonator; the term being transferentially used of a male homosexual who frequently or almost invariably wears women's clothing, often for purposes of homosexual contact, posing as a female prostitute or as a loose girl, and fellating men picked up under this disguise, with the excuse that coitus is not practicable because of menstruation. *Drag-queens* are even said to strap their penises up on their abdomens and to submit—without undressing—to pedication in the face-to-face posture, the client thinking that he is having coitus with a woman! Or the penis and testicles, it is said, can be hidden under a menstrual pad, and pedication openly suggested as a substitute for the desired coitus. While many effeminate male homosexuals wear women's underwear—chemises or even panties and brassière—they are not for that reason called *drag-queens*.

***duck** To allow pedication. Used for assonance in the phrase: *To fuck, suck, and duck*; and has little or no existence elsewhere.

dyke A Lesbian of the masculine type. See *dike* and *bull-dike* for extended definition.

eat it To perform cunnilinctus. Also: **eat cunt**; **eat fish**; **eat pussy**; and **eat hair-pie**.

eat jam To perform anilinctus. Compare *jam-pot*.

***eggs in the basket** The testicles. See *basket*.

English, To use the To move and wriggle while being pedicated, in such a way as to increase the pedicator's pleasure. From the "English," or reverse rotation of a billiard ball struck below its center; the rotund buttocks are considered the ball, and the penis is the cue. This phrase may be factitious or ephemeral, as I find it recorded only once.

***enthroned** In a public toilet; said of homosexuals who frequent toilet rooms looking for *trade*. Compare *dethroned*, and see *tea-room queen* and *privy queen*.

eye-doctor A pedicator. (Hobo slang.) Compare *Dead-eye Dick*. The comparison of the anus to an eye is quite common, and occurs in several languages. An old English slang term for the anus is *blind eye*, and in Spanish it is *ojo sin niño* (eye without a pupil).

face-artist A fellator. (Criminal slang.)

****fag** A male homosexual; a derogatory term never used by homosexuals themselves, who use *faggot*, q.v. *Fag* is also used as an adjective, although not so often as *faggot*, of which it is a contraction.

***faggot** A male homosexual; a derogatory term, especially when used by homosexuals of each other. Compare *fag*. Also **fagot** and **faggart**, this latter being a Negro corruption, or perhaps it is the original term while the other forms are corruptions. *Faggot* is also used as an adjective (e.g. "a faggot walk"), another adjective form being **faggoty**, which is mainly used by Negroes (e.g. "a faggoty man").

**fairy A male homosexual; the term most commonly used in America. Also used adjectivally, as "a fairy joint."

feel To handle and grope another person's genitals, breasts, thighs, or buttocks. Also: **feel up.** The object is the person and not his (or her) anatomy. *Feel* is also used as a noun in the very common phrases: **cop a feel** and **get a (free) feel.** Among homosexuals *grope*, q.v., is more commonly used.

*fence, To be on the To forsake homosexual practices for heterosexuality (or vice versa?). Compare *gender, To lose one's.*

*fifty-fifty An adjective phrase referring to alternating fellation or pedication. It is a relatively new coinage, and seems to have been invented to differentiate (as for instance in toilet-wall epigraphs and invitations) between simultaneous oragenitalism: 69, and alternating oragenitalism, etc.: 50-50 (or 50/50, the term usually being given in a numerical form). The term, in ordinary slang, refers to even division of matter or labor or to any alternating and turnabout relationship. It may be used as an ordinary adjective (e.g. "a *50-50 party*"), or as a predicate adjective (e.g. "I want it to be fifty-fifty"), or it may stand cryptically alone and unmodifying in an epigraph, like *69* scrawled on the door of a Parisian brothel.

*fish Originally a generic term for women or for the vulva; the reference being to the somewhat piscine odor of the female genitalia. The word is used among male homosexuals as a predicate nominative to refer to male homosexuality, especially of the effeminate type, as *to be fish* or *to go fish* (e.g. "When he touched me I just went *fish*, all over.") Employed as a verb, usually intransitive, meaning to perform cunnilinctus. Other verb forms are: **eat fish** and **chew the fish.** (A popular American song of the late 1930's, "Seafood Mama," with the chorus-line: "I get my favorite dish—fish!" was finally banned from the radio after being innocently allowed for several months.)

*fish-queen A man who enjoys cunnilinctus, or a homosexual (or heterosexual) male who practices it for pay. The term is quite derogatory, and, in the case of a homosexual male, is sometimes contracted to *fish*, q.v. I do not wholly understand the organization of this type of prostitution to women, although it has been reliably reported in New York, Los Angeles, and New Orleans, and probably exists in metropolitan and resort cities (Chicago, San Francisco, Reno, Atlantic City, Miami, etc.); nor do I understand whether the women involved are Lesbian or vicious or what, nor why it is necessary for them to pay for their sexual pleasure. The "queen" in *fish-queen* does suggest, however, that the term (and possibly the commercial practice) was originally current only among, and in reference to homosexuals, and that it was later transferentially applied to a heterosexual cunnilinctor, whether amateur or professional. What confuses the matter even more is the common and vociferous distaste among homosexual men for women and for their vulvar odor, which makes it hard to understand how homosexuals could become professional cunnilinctors.

flag To signal, usually with the eyes or with a gesture of the head, to encourage a stranger to speak to one, usually with a homosexual (or heterosexual) intent.

*flaming VERBAL ADJECTIVE: Obviously homosexual; using cosmetics, wearing

flamboyant clothes and suede or high-heeled shoes, and generally affecting exaggeratedly feminine mannerisms in order to announce, and attract attention to one's homosexuality. Most used in the term **flaming queen**, a homosexual who attempts thus to attract attention and drum up trade. Both parts of this term may be modified, as, e.g. "a very flaming young queen." Compare *queen*.

****flit** A homosexual (College slang, recorded at Harvard in 1939.)

***floater** A boy or man not a resident of the town or city where he prostitutes himself to homosexuals, certain of whom will consort only with this type of *trade* in order to reduce the danger of gossip or exposure in the locality where they live.

****flossy** ADJECTIVE: effeminate; homosexual. The term is not common.

****fluter** A fellator. Among jazz (and other?) musicians, the term is often shortened to **flute**, with which compare similar musical locutions, e.g. "violin" for "violinist."

****flutterer** An effeminate male homosexual. One of many factitious and short-lived terms. Compare *buttercup*, a term of the early 1930's, *flutterer* appearing in the tabloid press in 1940 or not very much earlier.

****freak** A homosexual.

french To fellate (or cunnilingue). The verbal noun, **frenching**, is very common both as generic for oragenitalism, and as the term for a specific instance of it. The term derives from the popular and not entirely erroneous belief that the practice is very common in France, and is sometimes spelled with a capital "F." Also: **do it the French way**. All forms obsolescent and uncommon among homosexuals, although understood.

fruit Originally a fellator, but currently applied to any male homosexual. Also: **fruiter**.

***fuck** To pedicate, or, less commonly, to irrumate. Compare the two following entries.

fuck in (or up) **the ass** To pedicate. Compare *ass-fuck*.

fuck in the mouth (or **face**) To irrumate.

***ga-ga** 1. The first of "seven recognized stages of homosexuality, from *ga-ga* to the 'deeper tones' of lavender." (There do not seem to be terms for each stage, and it is possible that seven distinct stages are not actually thought to exist, the phrase being merely a way of indicating the progressive nature of homosexuality.) 2. An immature or inexperienced homosexual. 3. The preliminaries of arousal between two homosexuals who enjoy sexual intimacy with each other and are therefore looked down upon by many experienced homosexuals (compare *ki-ki*).

***gang-fuck** An instance of pedication or irrumation of a single boy or homosexual by two or more men (usually more) consecutively, and with or without his consent. Also used as a verb; and, in both senses, heterosexually, of the consecutive copulation of two or more men with a single willing or unwilling woman, in which case it is also called *gang-shagging*. Compare *line up*.

gash-eater A cunnilinctor; *gash* referring to the vulva. Gash-eating is the verbal noun. Compare *muff-diver* and *cunt-lapper*.

***gay** An adjective used almost exclusively by homosexuals to denote homosexuality, sexual attractiveness, promiscuity ("camped" as *promiscruity*, on *screw*, meaning to copulate), or lack of restraint, in a person, place, or party. Often given the French spelling, *gai* or *gaie* by (or in burlesque of) cultured homosexuals of both sexes.

gazooney The young pedicant companion of a pedicator. (Tramp and prison slang.)

gazoopy A sexual exhibition for customers. Also: **gazupie.** (Prostitutes' slang.) See *circus* and *dig.*

geared "Sexually perverted," according to Pollock. (Criminal slang.)

***gender, To discover one's** To *come out*; to become progressively more homosexual with experience. "One who 'hasn't discovered his (her?) gender' hasn't achieved the 'deeper tones' of lavender."

***gender. To lose one's** To leave homosexual practices and become heterosexual. Compare: *fence, to be on the.*

get down (on) To fellate or cunnilingue. See *go down.*

get into To pedicate; also, to copulate with a woman.

get one's nuts off To ejaculate; to experience sexual relief, the desire for relief being so strong that the sex of the partner or his (or her) enjoyment is a matter of indifference. Also used of indirect orgasm, as in watching an erotic performance, or while performing fellation. Also: **get one's nuts cracked.**

girl An effeminate male homosexual.

***glut** A homosexual, particularly a fellator, with an insatiable sexual appetite. Contraction of *glutton.*

***glutton for punishment** A fellator who has already experienced his indirect orgasm, but who continues fellation out of sheer lubricity. No connection with *punishment*, q.v.

***go all over town (with)** To administer a *tongue-bath* to another person; to lick a person all over the body, usually ending with fellation (or cunnilinctus). See *trip around the world.*

go down (on) To fellate or cunnilingue. The object of this verb phrase is the person and not his or her genitalia. Compare *get down* and:

go under the house To cunnilingue. (Negro slang)

gobble the goo To practice fellation. Also: **gobble the goop** and **gobble the goose.** "Goo" refers to the viscid semen. In prostitutes' slang a fellatrice is called a **gobbledegoo gobbler** and **goop-gobbler** are used to refer to a fellator or any homosexual, and are quite derogatory.

gonsil A young pedicant. (Tramp slang.) Also *gunsel*, q.v.

***goofer** A male prostitute to homosexuals, who prostitutes only his penis (that is, to fellators, to mutual masturbators, or to passive pedicants), and not his anus, as do *punks*, q.v., nor his mouth, as do those prostitutes who are willing to take on a *french job* (i.e. a job of *frenching*, q.v.). Compare *prick-peddler.*

goop-gobbler A fellator or fellatrice. See *gobble the goo.*

***grand bag** A large scrotum, which is very pleasing to fellators. "Grand" and "gorgeous" are very common adjectives of approbation among homosexual males. Compare *basket.*

Greek A pedicator; the term perpetuating an ancient libel on the Greek race. Compare *Turk*, in which case the implication is perhaps not entirely libellous.

***grope** To feel and handle another person's genitals, thighs, or buttocks, especially when he is clothed. Used as a noun in the verb phrase, **get a grope**, but not so much as is *feel*, q.v., although *grope* is by far the more common term in all contexts in the speech of homosexuals.

gunsel A young pedicant. (Tramp slang.) Also *gonsil*, q.v., as well as **guncell** and, in prison slang, **gonzel** (a variant of the German gänzel).

***hair, To let down one's** To drop all restraint in displaying one's homosexuality, or to admit to being homosexual. The use of this phrase in common American slang, as meaning to drop all pretense or finally to tell the truth, seems to stem from the homosexual meaning.

hair-pie, To eat To perform cunnilinctus. See *eat*.

hand-gig A type of male prostitute who will masturbate his clients, or indulge in mutual masturbation with them. Women prostitutes of this rather rare type are said to wear kid gloves during the act, which is presumed to add to the clients' pleasure, or at least lend an air of exoticism and luxuriousness to the matter.

***have** To have sexual relations with; more usually meaning to pedicate than to fellate. Heterosexually, the word is used only of a man who copulates with a woman, and not vice versa.

***head** A generic noun or predicate nominative referring to a fellator, as, e.g. "looking for head." Term reported from Montreal in 1940. Compare *head-worker*.

head-cheese The preputial smegma in the male. See *cheese* for extended explanation.

head-worker A fellator. Obsolescent, recorded by Ellis during the First World War as an American term. Compare *mouth-worker*.

****he-she** A Lesbian; an uncommon and probably factitious term.

***hidden queen** A male homosexual who conceals, or tries to conceal the fact of his homosexuality. Compare *veil*.

high-diver A cunnilinctor or cunnilinctrice. See *muff-diver*.

homo A colloquial contraction of *homosexual*, used as a noun and (predicate) adjective, and refers almost exclusively to male homosexuals.

hoop Pedication; a generic term. (Prison slang.)

hoop-snake (with), To play To indulge in mutual oragenitalism. From the apocryphal hoop-snake, which is said to take its tail in its mouth, *tail* being a common slang term for a woman or women generically considered as a sexual outlet, and for the buttocks and the penis. The phrase seems to have been originated to supply the need for a verb form denoting mutual oragenitalism, in which office *sixty-nine* serves only rather inflexibly and indifferently, and besides, it is too well known.

****horsewoman** An aggressive, masculine Lesbian. Usually plural and generic: **horsewomen** Possibly derived from the superior position of the aggressive Lesbian in tribady, or from the "horsy" masculinity of clothing and gait of this type of Lesbian.

***hose** To pedicate. The verbal noun, **hosing**, usually refers to a specific act of pedication, rather than to pedication generically. These terms are also used heterosexually of the copulation of a man with a woman, e.g. *to give her a (good) hosing.*

***husband** The normal or else more aggressive member of a homosexual liaison, male or female; a favorite lover who sees the homosexual regularly. Compare *wife.*

***hustler** A male prostitute to homosexuals, especially so called if he is himself heterosexual. A common slang term for an accosting female prostitute.

icing-expert A fellator. From the similarity of white cake-icing to semen. The term is fairly recent, probably no older than the American Civilian Conservation Corps camps, where it is used.

***incest** A sexual liaison between two homosexuals, such an association being held in comparative contempt by most homosexuals. Compare *ki-ki.*

***it** The usual pronoun of reference used by homosexuals, instead of "he" or "him" in speaking of heterosexual men accosted or *picked up.* See the quotation s.v. *cruise.* Another such substitution is the use of "something" for "someone." *It* is also used as a noun or pronoun in referring to a homosexual of either sex, especially a male homosexual, this usage being derogatory and confined to "outsiders."

***jam** 1. A non-homosexual male (the term is said to be an abbreviation of *just a man*, but this derivation may be merely a *camp*), especially if he is acquainted with another person's homosexuality but does not divulge it. The term is usually employed as a predicate nominative, and has no connection with *eat jam*, q.v. 2. Preliminaries of homosexual eroticism between a homo- and a heterosexual.

***jam fag** A congenitally and completely homosexual male.

***jam-pot** The anus. See *eat jam*, referring to anilinctus.

jocker A pedicator. From *jock*, the penis. (Tramp slang.) See *prushun, punk, gunsel.*

***jockey** A Lesbian, particularly one of the masculine type, who takes or is imagined to take the superior position in tribady. Compare *top-sergeant.*

***John** The regular lover—paid or paying—of a homosexual male prostitute.

keister The anus or buttocks. Also: **kiester**, both being pronounced *kee-.*

***kidney trouble, To have** To frequent toilet rooms for homosexual purposes; from the diuresis commonly accompanying kidney ailments.

kid-simple An adjective used of a man enamoured of a young boy or boys.

***ki-ki** (Pronounced with both "i's" long, as in *ice*, and with both syllables stressed equally, or with only a slightly greater accent on the first syllable.) A homosexual male who is sexually attracted only to other homosexuals, or who engages in an affair with another homosexual for want of the money or personal attractiveness necessary for contact with heterosexuals. Such homosexuals are commonly considered to indulge in mutual fellation, simultaneous or turnabout, or, less commonly, in mutual pedication. Variant: **kiki.** As an adjective in **ki-ki queen**; and as a predicate adjective as, for instance, in *to go ki-ki. Ki-ki queens* are held in mild contempt by *pay-off queens* (q.v.), and vice versa.

kiss A very common euphemism meaning to fellate or cunnilingue, and usually pronounced lingeringly or with some gesture or with a look in the eyes to distinguish it from the ordinary kiss. This euphemism has even been employed by medical and technical writers, who call oragenitalism *the genital kiss*, or, with even greater periphrastic timidity, *the kiss of genital stimulation*.

kiss the worm To practice fellation. (The use of the childish term, *worm*, for the penis makes relevant some mention of children's games involving the penis, such as *cockalizing*—in England called *making one a freeman*—in which a boy's penis is spit on, or urinated on, or daubed with paint or tar by other boys; and the kissing of another boy's penis as a forfeit for failing in the game of "follow the leader," or other game.)

kneel at the altar To practice active pedication. (Prison slang.)

knight of the golden grummet A pedicator; from *grummet*, a nautical term for a rope-ring, suggesting the anus, and "golden," a hint at faeces. (Criminal slang.)

***knights, To be one of the** To have syphilis.

***lace curtain** A long foreskin.

****lady lover** A Lesbian.

lamb A young pedicant. Compare *wolf*. (Tramp and underworld slang.)

lavender A term implying homosexuality in most contexts; a chapter in Gene Fowler's "The Great Mouthpiece" (1931), for instance, concerning the imputed homosexuality of a prominent penologist, is called "An Allegation in Lavender"; and novels and anthologies on Lesbianism, such as "Diana" (1939) and "The Imitation of Sappho" (1930) are bound in lavender cloth, although there may be some connection here with "purple passion." There are said to be "seven recognized stages of homosexuality, from ga-ga to the 'deeper tones' of lavender." See *ga-ga* for further elucidation. To **have a dash (or streak) of lavender** means to be somewhat homosexual or to have a tendency toward becoming more so or entirely so; often contracted to **have a dash**.

lay the leg To have homosexual intercourse with a boy or man, pedication probably being meant, but compare *leg-work*. (Prison slang.)

lay the lip To practice fellation. (Prostitutes' slang.)

leather The anus. The verb form, meaning to pedicate, is prostitutes' slang, as is the verbal noun, **leathering**, for pedication.

leg-work Intercrural or intergluteal coitus of a man with a boy. (Tramp slang.) Compare *lay the leg*.

****Lesbo** A derogatory contraction of the noun, or less commonly, the adjective, Lesbian.

lily **1. A derogatory term for a male homosexual. *2. A "sissy," or timid, homosexual who is inhibited or morally restrained from overt homosexuality, or who fears the possible consequences of yielding to his desires.

line up (on) To pedicate or irrumate a homosexual in quick succession; said of a group of men, usually more than two. The homosexual may be either willing or unwilling. See *gang-fuck*.

***live one** A male prostitute's homosexual client who is generous with money and valuable gifts. "Live" is an adjective; the "i" being long as in *ice*.

****lizzie** A male homosexual. Current during the 1920's; now obsolescent.

***long-winded** Not likely to ejaculate quickly in being fellated, a quality much sought after and appreciated by many fellators.

***lover** A non-homosexual man who is sustaining, or has sustained sexual relations or a liaison with a homosexual or with several homosexuals. Many such men are bisexual rather than heterosexual, although the precise distinction between these two psychosexual states seems to be a matter of some question.

***low neck and short sleeves** A circumcised penis. A related term, similarly drawn from the feminine pursuits of decoration and dress, is *lace curtain*, q.v.

****Ma** A derogatory title used before a male homosexual's name. Similarly: **Mother.** (Negro slang.) Compare *Miss.*

***madam(e)** The proprietor, usually homosexual, of a *peg house* or *show house.* From the slang appellation for the proprietress of an ordinary heterosexual brothel, with women inmates.

make the blind (to) see To practice fellation upon an uncircumcised penis. See *blind.*

***mama** A Lesbian of the feminine type, especially one living or consorting with a *papa* or *daddy.*

***man** When pronounced emphatically by a homosexual, this term refers to a man who is definitely not homosexual. Also: **he-man** and **real man.**

mantee A female homosexual with very masculine characteristics. The etymology is obscure, although a French origin of an older form, **mintée,** seems probable. The very virile stride of such Lesbians is termed a **mantee walk.**

***meat** The penis. Also: **the meat** and **piece of meat.** Compare fish, for homosexual men; *meat* being used generically to refer to heterosexual men. See also *basket* and *take the meat out of the basket.* To **have gobs of meat** is to have a large penis; compare *basketful of meat.* I am informed that it is considered humorous to refer to a very large penis as "phenomenal."

***Miss** A title imputing homosexuality to the man whose name follows. Compare *Ma* and *Mother;* and note the remarks preceding this glossary concerning feminine titles and pronouns as used among homosexuals. Note also that male homosexuals will call most anyone Bessie or Mary, e.g. "Oh, Bessie, you're a camp!" Furthermore, the more effeminate male homosexuals—particularly those given to feminine mannerisms and pursuits (such as needlework) and those who dress in women's clothes whenever possible—often assume feminine names such as "Mae West," "Spanish Annie," "The Duchess," and other similar appellations.

morphodite A colloquial illiteracy for *hermaphrodite;* pronounced in three syllables, the accent on the first, and referring to either a physical hermaphrodite (who is commonly thought to be far more perfectly physically ambisexual than is usually the case) or to a male homosexual. Compare *androgyne.*

Mother Ga-ga A busybody and a know-it-all; particularly applied to an *old auntie,* a middle-aged or elderly homosexual, who is likely to be meddlesome and officiously over-informative.

***mother-love** 1. Copulation or oragenitalism between a homosexual male and a

woman. 2. Sexual intimacy between two homosexuals; derogatory. Compare *ki-ki*. The term does not refer to love given by a mother, but rather to incestuous love directed toward a mother, one of the most powerful tabus of our civilization, with which is connected the superlatively derogatory colloquial epithet, *mother-fucker*, with its burlesque synonym, *granny-jazzer;* note the assonance in both. Compare *sister-act* and *incest*.

Mother Superior An older homosexual who is very experienced, and who has *come out* all the way. (See *ga-ga*.)

mouser A homosexual. (Tramp slang.) It may be relevant to note that pedicants have been known to have a picture of a mouse tattooed just disappearing between their buttocks. Compare *the mouse* mentioned s.v. *bleeding dirt*.

mouth-worker A fellator (or fellatrice). Compare *head-worker*.

muff-diver A cunnilinctor. From *muff*, the external female genitals and hair. While there is also a verbal noun **muff-diving**, meaning cunnilinctus, I have never recorded the radical verb form: "to muff-dive," but compare the verbal forms *to dive in the bushes* and *to dive into it*.

***mug** A derogatory term used by male prostitutes to denote a homosexual client.

***muscle in** To attempt to divert the affections of a male prostitute's homosexual client to oneself. The term is borrowed from criminal slang.

mustache "Sodomy," according to Pollock. It is difficult to decide precisely what he had in mind, but note that to **have a mustache** is a jocular colloquial euphemism for cunnilinctus. (Compare *Oom Paul*.)

***muzzler** A homosexual, a derogatory term used by male prostitutes, and usually denoting a fellator. The term is also used in ordinary slang with, aside from its derogatory force, some reference to handling a girl's breasts or, possibly, to kissing.

****nance** NOUN & ADJECTIVE: Homosexual, male type. Also, and lately less frequently, **nancy**. Compare *pansy* and *panz*.

***near-sighted** Uncircumcised, but with the tip of the glans penis showing under the foreskin; the term is used of the penis itself, and not of its owner. Compare *blind*.

****neuter** A homosexual male.

nola A homosexual male. Current criminal slang, according to Maurer.

off-color ADJECTIVE: Homosexual. (Criminal slang.)

***oncer** A homosexual who will have only one sexual experience with any single person. VERBAL NOUN: **oncing**, the practice of refusing to have more than a single sexual experience with any particular person. The terms are not very common, but the practice is.

***one-way man** A male prostitute who, if himself heterosexual, will allow himself to be fellated but not pedicated; or, if himself homosexual, will allow himself to be pedicated but will not perform fellation. This is not a very stringent definition, and there are many exceptions, but in general it is correct. Compare *two-way man*.

Oom Paul A cunnilinctor. (Prostitutes' slang, possibly originating in the similar appearance of a man engaged in cunnilinctus—as viewed by the woman—and a man with a bushy "Oom Paul Kruger" chin-beard. Compare *mustache*.)

pansy NOUN & ADJECTIVE: Homosexual, male type. The noun is employed among homosexuals to refer only to an effeminate homosexual who has *come out* all the way. See *ga-ga*, and compare *Mother Superior*. The noun is sometimes facetiously and factitiously contracted to **panz** (compare *nancy* and *nance*). Other adjective forms are: **pansyish** and **pansified.**

***papa** A Lesbian of the masculine type, especially so called if living or consorting with a *mama*, q.v. Also *daddy*.

party An act of intercourse, homosexual or otherwise; or an evening or other period of time devoted to eroticism. Verbally: **have a party (with)** and **put on a party (with).** Note *50-50 party* s.v. *fifty-fifty*.

***pay-off queen** A homosexual who pays for the privilege of practicing his particular type of eroticism upon another man. This type of homosexual is held in great contempt by homosexuals who do not pay the other participant, who is coöperating simply for pleasure, and by homosexuals who are prostitutes and receive money for homosexual practice.

***pee-pee lover** A homosexual, particularly a fellator, who fancies very young boys. Compare:

***pee-pee meat** A small penis; *small meat*. From the nursery term, *pee-pee*, meaning the penis considered as a urinary organ (*pee* is a euphemistic contraction of *piss*; but compare the French *pipi*).

***peg-house** A house, or, more often, an apartment, given over to male homosexual assignation and prostitution. (The name is from the East Indian homosexual brothels, where young boys are said to be kept sitting on a pegged bench to keep their anuses distended until they are required for pedication. This does not exist in America (where homosexuals are usually fellators and pedicants rather than pedicators), and is quite probably only apocryphal elsewhere). Compare *show house* and *call house*.

****pervert** A colloquialism very current in America for a homosexual or for any other sex deviator: rapist, sadist, pederast, coprophile, etc. Compare *degenerate*.

***phoney** A homosexual whom a male prostitute suspects or knows to be stingy, and likely to cheat or bilk him.

pick up To accost, and strike up an acquaintance with a stranger for homosexual purposes. As a noun, usually hyphenated: **pick-up,** a person so accosted. Also used heterosexually.

pick up the soap (for) To allow pedication. (Sea slang, from the soap used in swabbing decks, or in shower baths.)

piece See *ass* and *meat*.

***pimp** A person who procures male prostitutes for homosexuals. There does not seem to be any appreciable actual pimping in male prostitution, since most of the boys and men so employed are heterosexual, and have male "lovers" only for pay, and do not require a pimp, as do female prostitutes, as a business manager and lover. Male prostitutes who are themselves homosexual often live with heterosexual male prostitutes who may pimp for the homosexual consort. Also: **p.i.** (pronounced as the letters)

**pixie A homosexual male. The term is factitious; note its similarity to *fairy* in literal meaning.

plug verb, transitive: To pedicate.

pogue A pedicant, especially if a young boy. **pogey bait** or **poguey bait** is candy or any other inducement, such as cigarettes, given to a *pogue* by a pedicator. (Sea, tramp, and criminal slang)

possesh Contraction of "possession"; a *road-kid*, or young hobo or tramp, who is pedicated, protected, and exploited (as, for instance, to assist in begging) by an older hobo. Compare *prushun* and *punk*.

pound-cake, To eat To lick the anus. See *rim* and *trip to the moon*.

powder-puff An effeminate male homosexual. (Prison slang.)

pratt (for) To be a pedicant; to allow pedication. From the slang *pratt*, meaning the buttocks. A **pratt boy** means a pedicant, and, derivatively, an underling or menial.

prick-peddler A male prostitute, whose homosexual clients are fellators or pedicants. Also: *dick-peddler*. Compare *ass, to peddle one's*.

*privy-queen A homosexual who frequents toilet rooms, looking for *trade*. Compare *tea-room queen*.

proposition To suggest indulgence in homosexual (or heterosexual) intercourse. This verb form is transitive, the object being the person to whom the suggestion is made. As a noun, *proposition* denotes such a proposal or suggestion.

*prospect A man or boy who might be willing to fall in with a homosexual's erotic or erotico-financial purposes; potential *trade*.

*proud Having deserted homosexual company, and having discontinued homosexual practices. Compare *gender, to lose one's*.

prushun A young pedicant. Also: **preshun**. (Tramp slang.) Compare *jocker*. (In American criminal slang before the First World War the term, then spelled **prussian**, meant the pedicator and not the pedicant; and I am informed that this meaning is still current.)

*punishment Accepting orally or anally a penis which is uncomfortably large. No connection with *glutton for punishment*.

punk A young pedicant, especially one who enjoys being pedicated, and does not merely submit to it. Anal eroticism is neither widely recognized nor well understood in America, and the term is therefore very derogatory and has been carried over into non-homosexual slang as a term of extreme contempt. The term is also applied—with equal contempt—to *any* non-homosexual male who submits to pedication for money, with or without pleasure. An even more derogatory variant term is **punkie** which is used of a very young *punk*.

pussy, to eat To perform cunnilinctus. See *eat*.

queen A male homosexual, especially one of the effeminate type, and a pedicant or fellator. The term is not applied to virile homosexuals or to pedicators. There are many combining-forms, such as *flaming queen, tea-room queen, railroad queen*.

queer NOUN & ADJECTIVE: Homosexual; more often used of male homosexuals than of Lesbians. As an adjective it is the most common in use in America.

The noun is occasionally modified to the pejorative form: **queerie.** Note the combining form **queer for** colloquially used among homosexuals and their associates to mean "pervertedly fond of," e.g. "queer for little boys," "queer for dirty feet"; or followed by verb phrases, e.g. "queer for lighting matches to people's hair," or "queer for having his beard pissed in." *Queer* is also occasionally used as meaning a cunnilinctor or a fellatrix, the latter also being termed a **queer-woman.** These usages are often very confusing, as one would expect *queer-woman* to mean a homosexual woman.

***queer bird** A female homosexual.

***railroad queen** A homosexual who *cruises* the "jungles" where tramps live and congregate.

ream To pedicate. Also, to copulate with a woman. The verb is transitive in all forms, and is occasionally used transferentially in common slang as meaning to cheat or dupe, on the analogy of *screw* and *fuck*, which are similarly used.

***R.F.D. queen** A homosexual who lives in the country or in a small town, and who has homosexual impulses and desires, but who does not understand the argot and ways, or know the habits and places of congregation of the homosexual fraternity in cities and metropolitan centers. From *R*ural *F*ree *D*elivery, a term which immediately suggests the rustic scene to the urban mind.

ride the deck To pedicate. (Prison slang.)

rim To anilingue; to lick, tongue, or suck the anus, the object being the person and not his or her anatomy. The verbal noun is **rimming**, meaning anilinctus. See *pound-cake* and *trip to the moon.*

***rough trade** An uncultured, roughly-dressed and -spoken man "picked up" by a homosexual, or such men generically. See *trade.*

****Sappho** A Lesbian; the term usually carries an overtone of tolerant and good-humored derogation.

***say a mouthful** To reprove or reprimand another homosexual verbally, incisively, and at great length. This idiom has a slightly different meaning in popular slang, to which I have been informed that it was brought over from homosexual argot. Also: **To lay (one) for filth.**

scammered VERBAL ADJECTIVE: Homosexual. (Criminal slang.)

***sea-food** Generic for sailors; a term used by male homosexuals, especially fellators (but note the implication of cunnilinctus in the song "Seafood Mama" mentioned s.v. *fish*).

***sell** To *sell* a boy is to procure him for a homosexual for a set price. Compare *pimp.*

***show-house** A brothel for male homosexual clients, unlike a heterosexual brothel in that it is used more as a place of assignation than as a place of prostitution, the sexual contact often—though not invariably—taking place elsewhere. See *peg-house* and *call-house.*

***sil** A Lesbian who is currently in love with another woman. A contraction of *silly*, meaning infatuated (usually in combination as *silly* about). Also: **sil.**

***sister-act** 1. Copulation or oragenitalism between a homosexual male and a woman. 2. Sexual intimacy between two homosexuals; compare *ki-ki.* Derogatory in both senses; compare *mother-love.*

***sister in distress** A homosexual male in trouble, usually with the police.

sixty-nine A term referring to simultaneous mutual orogenitalism, heterosexual or homosexual. Although seldom used as a specific noun, the verbal form, **sixty-nine (with)**, and the verbal noun, **sixty-nining** are common; but see *hoop-snake*. A person engaged in, or having a taste for, this practice is called a **sixty-niner**, a term which derives much of its popularity from the term "forty-niner" for a prospector in the gold-rush of 1849. A corrupt form is **six-to-nine**. The reference in both cases is to the similar appearance of the numerals 69 and two bodies engaged in mutual orogenitalism, the circles in the numerals 6 and 9 representing the participants' heads, and the tails of the numerals representing their torsi and legs. The Zodiacal sign of Cancer is even more similar (since the symbols are here one above the other instead of side by side), and has been used as a tie-pattern by homosexuals and members of fast society.

skin-flute, To blow the To practise fellation. Also: **To play the flute**. Compare *fluter*.

***slay** To injure a homosexual by *dishing the dirt* about him or informing on him.

slide, the "An establishment where male homosexuals dress as women and solicit men. Not to be confused with a *benny house*, which employs women. Some *benny houses* will provide a boy or man for special orders."—Maurer (Prostitutes' slang.) See *peg-house* and *show-house*.

***small meat** A small penis; compare *meat*. It should be remembered that fellators and pedicants are usually fond of large penises, and they might term *small meat* a six- or seven-inch penis, which an ordinary heterosexual man would consider eminently satisfactory.

snapper The foreskin, a term much in use among homosexuals.

sneeze in the cabbage To perform cunnilinctus.

spit (one) out the window To refuse to swallow the semen after ejaculation in the mouth, and to expectorate it into a towel or handkerchief or a sink or a cup (!) or even actually out the window. This practice is much disliked and resented by most men, although certain men feel great revulsion against a fellator or fellatrice who seems to enjoy fellation and who swallows the semen, and such men are likely to strike or even severely beat the fellator or fellatrice after fellation has been accomplished. The term was originally prostitutes' slang, and is not commonly used among homosexuals, who seldom so refuse.

spray (one's tonsils) To irrumate. There are also the passive verbal forms, **get (or have) one's tonsils sprayed**, meaning to be irrumated or to fellate.

***straight** Not a *clip-artist* or a *phoney*, q.v. Also employed as meaning not homosexual. To **go straight** is to cease homosexual practices and to indulge —usually to re-indulge—in heterosexuality.

suck To fellate or cunnilingue, the former sense being more common; the verb is transitive in both senses. Also: **suck off**. The object of *suck* can be either the organ or the person; but the object of *suck off* is usually the person, who is mentioned within the idiom, e.g. "to suck him off." *Suck off* is seldom used of cunnilinctus, **suck (her) cunt** being more common; but see *cunt-lapper*. A **suck-off** is an act of orogenitalism, particularly of fellation, *off* implying

ejaculation, although fellation is not always continued to the point of orgasm. A **real suck** seems to be one in which orgasm and ejaculation are induced, as opposed to fellation used simply as an excitant or adjunct to other sexual intercourse.

swap cans To alternate in pedication; see s.v. *can* for further definition. (Prison slang.)

***swing** To fellate. The object is the penis, not the person; e.g. "to swing a *blind*." Also: **swing on,** the object here being either the person or the organ; in the latter case the phrase is usually **swing on it.**

***swish** ADJECTIVE: Have male homosexual characteristics. Even inanimate objects may be referred to, e.g. "But dearie, isn't that tie too swish?" Also: **swishy.** The reference is to the peculiarly effeminate walk of many male homosexuals, suggesting the imaginary rustle of skirts; and *swish* is also used verbally to refer to this gait, the verbal noun being **swishing.**

***tail** Generic for boys considered as the object of pedication; a boy so considered, or his pedication, being a **piece of tail.** The term is also used heterosexually in all senses in reference to copulation with women. Compare *ass* and *cunt*.

take it To accept the penis in the mouth for fellation. This is not a euphemistic contraction of the following phrase, but is quite different in use and feeling, usually being employed in queries or commands to the fellator or fellatrice, for instance: "Go on; take it!" or "Will you take it . . . please!"

take it in the (or one's) mouth To practice fellation.

take it any way To allow irrumation or pedication, as opposed to allowing only one or the other. See *one-way man* and *two-way man*.

take it up the ass To submit to pedication.

***take the meat out of the basket** To undo the clothing and expose the penis of another person or of oneself. See *meat* and *basket*.

***tea-room queen** A homosexual who frequents toilet rooms to find persons amenable to his erotic or erotico-financial plans, or to scrawl homosexual dithyrambs or invitations on the walls. The ironic "tea-room" for toilet does not seem to occur in any other connection.

***temperamental** Homosexual. Usually an adjective; as a noun the term is obsolescent.

that sin Pedication. (Tramp slang.)

tight Having a tight anus (or vagina); said of the person and not of the anatomy.

tongue 1. To cunnilingue; the object being the woman and not her vulva. 2. To lick the scrotum and titillate the testicles with the tongue. Usually in the form of a verbal noun, **tonguing.** (Prostitutes' slang.)

tongue-bath A *trip around the world*, q.v. Verb form: **give (one) a tongue-bath.**

top-man A pedicator.

***top-sergeant** A Lesbian of the masculine type, who takes, or is imagined to take the superior position in tribady. Compare *jockey*.

***trade** Generic for male prostitutes to homosexuals, or for heterosexuals to whom homosexuals prostitute themselves; the existence or direction of any exchange of money being irrelevant. **Do for trade** to have homosexual rela-

tions with a heterosexual male (prostitute or otherwise), usually referring to fellating him, the object usually being interpolated into the idiom, as, e.g. "to do him for trade." *Trade* may be used as a predicate nominative in referring to a single person generically, e.g. "He is trade," such a person also being called a **piece of trade**. Compare *rough-trade* and *uniform*.

trapeze artist A cunnilinctor or cunnilinctrice; the term is often used of a woman who participates in mutual cunnilinctus with another woman at a *circus* or *stag* (*party*).

***triangle** The situation in which a man and a Lesbian are both in love with the same woman; or in which both have sexual relations with her without any jealousy. Probably also applied to similar situations involving a male homosexual, a woman, and a more or less normal man; but I have never personally heard the term so used. This usage of *triangle* derives directly from the colloquial usage of the term to refer to the rivalry of two men over a woman married to one of them, or of two women over a man married to one of them.

***tricks, To do** To be willing to fellate or to submit to pedication; said of a male prostitute of any type and sexuality.

trip around the world, (To take one for) a To lick a person all over the body, usually as a preliminary to oragenitalism, beginning usually on the face or behind the ear, and progressing beneath the chin, over the throat and chest and nipples, under the armpit, turning the subject over at this point, then over the shoulders and down the back, along the sides, over the small of the back, over and between the buttocks, down the thighs, over the hollows behind the knees, over the calves, ankles, and heels, and over the soles of the feet (against which the eyelashes may be fluttered to tickle the subject, who is turned over onto his or her back again at this point), sucking the toes, licking up along the legs, then performing anilinctus, and ending with cunnilinctus or with "scrotilinctus" and fellation. Other itineraries are common, some shorter and less elaborate, omitting the legs, or progressing down the front of the body and up the back; or the *tongue-bath* may be engaged in after oragenitalism instead of before. Also: **give (one) a trip around the world.** See *tongue-bath* and *go all over town*.

trip to the moon, (To take) a To perform anilinctus. *Moon* is a common slang term for the buttocks. See *pound-cake* and *rim*.

turd-packer A pedicator. Uncommon, and more used as a facetious term of derogation than as an actual imputation of pedicatory practices. Compare *dirt-tamper*. It is commonly and erroneously believed that faecal matter is at all times contained in the rectum.

Turk A pedicator. See *Greek*.

***turn over** To allow oneself to be pedicated. Also: **turn one's back.**

***turn the tables** To blackmail a heterosexual client, said of homosexuals; the term implies, and correctly, that it is more often the homosexual who is blackmailed. The tables may also be turned on a homosexual client, a homosexual who would blackmail another being considered the lowest kind of *dirt* by the fraternity.

***two-way man** A male prostitute who, if heterosexual, will not only allow him-

self to be fellated, but will *turn over* too, that is, will also allow himself to be pedicated; or who, if himself homosexual, will not only allow himself to be pedicated, but will perform fellation also. See *one-way man* and *take it any way*.

***uniform, a** A soldier, sailor, or marine (only very seldom, if ever, used to apply to a fireman, policeman, postman, or messenger boy); as opposed to civilians or to *rough trade*, q.v., who are roughly dressed.

***veil, To wear a mourning** To attempt to conceal the fact of one's homosexuality. An obvious homosexual who tries ineffectually to conceal his state is said to **wear a cut-glass veil**, that is, his concealment is perfectly useless and transparent.

***vibrations, To pick up the** To watch others indulge in homosexual practice, some homosexuals paying for the privilege of this voyeurism, and achieving automatic orgasm during its course.

***virgin** A man who has never been pedicated. Compare *cherry*.

waffle A male homosexual. (Criminal slang.)

way down South in Dixie, To go To practice fellation (or cunnilinctus). An elaboration, probably in part for purposes of euphemism, of *go down*. (Prostitutes' slang.) But Cary records, in his not altogether reliable "Slang of Venery and its Analogues" (1916), the verb phrase, to **go South**, referring to oragenitalism.

***white-liver** A male or female homosexual who is completely indifferent to the opposite sex.

***wife** The less aggressive member of a homosexual alliance, male or female. See *husband*.

willy A homosexual man. A criminal term obsolete since the first World War.

***wise** Acquainted with the fact, the practices, and the locales of homosexuality; said of boys and young men by homosexuals.

wolf A pedicator. The most common term at present. See *lamb*.

***words and music, To know the** To use or recognize typically homosexual locutions (such as *gay* and *camp*), suggesting that one is homosexual or understands the other person to be so.

works, To be the To be homosexual. (Criminal slang.)

yodel in the canyon (of love) To practice cunnilinctus. Sometimes contracted to **yodel**. In spite of the flowery euphemism of these terms, they are quite commonly used, particularly in the western United States.

****yoo-hoo (boy)** A homosexual, from the flamboyant greetings of those homosexuals who affect feminine mannerisms.

zanie A male homosexual. A term not commonly encountered, but in use in America since the middle of the 19th century. Also: **zany**.

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